

NEWPORT HAS \$125,000 THEATER BUILDING BLAZE

(Special to The News Scimitar.)
NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 21.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Newport opera house building, causing a loss of more than \$125,000. The Strand theater, W. A. Palmer tailoring establishment, Z. B. Reid Music company and the store of Mrs. H. C. Sanders were destroyed in the fire.

Starting at an early hour, it had snowed beyond the control of volunteer firemen and very little was saved. The opera house was a fine building, many rumors are afloat in the town that the fire might have been of incendiary origin.

BEULAH, MISS., IS SWEEP BY FIRE; LOSS \$15,000

ROSEDALE, Miss., Dec. 21.—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed several small homes in Beulah, Miss., six miles north of this place. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000 with practically no insurance. The flames started just north of Cassidy's store and swept a clear path to the edge of the town.

INDICT TWO MEN AND WOMAN FOR BELOTE MURDER

Indictments charging first degree murder Tuesday were returned against Jim E. Harville and R. Wray Payne, alias Ray Payne, who were arrested last week in connection with the fatal shooting of B. L. Belote, aged railway crossing watchman, who was found murdered in an alley near Market avenue and Second street.

Bertie Ticer, the woman in the case and about who police say the shooting occurred, was indicted as an accessory before the fact.

The men, police say, made a confession which alleged that they shot Belote on learning that "the old man had money."

VETERANS TAKE LAND.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Canada's war veterans in the western provinces have taken up 3,100,000 acres of land and 8,192 former soldiers now are farmers, the soldier settlement board announced. Approximately 2,000,000 acres of free land were granted to war veterans.

RACE RESULTS

At Jefferson Park.

FIRST RACE—Claiming, purse \$600, maidens, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs:
CARLINE S. 107 (Babin), 8 to 5, 3 to 1, 1 to 4.
HOP OVER 110 (McDermott), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 5.
HOREB 118 (Smith), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 1 to 2.

Time: 1:19.2-5.
Old Rose, Spartan Boy, Waneda, Bess Wax, Pansy Blossom, Riddle, Roydon, Adrienne R. also ran.

SECOND RACE—Purse \$600, 2-year-olds, six furlongs:
SILVER SPRING 108 (Ponce), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1.
SEA COURT 107 (Hamilton), 8 to 1, 5 to 1, 1 to 2.
LUISE WYNNE 99 (Long), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even.

Time: 1:18.2-5.
Countess, Dannels, Omer K., Peppery Polly, Tony Roady, Cronson Rambler, Reluctant, Mary Fosse, Tutti, also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$700, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs:
GAZZA 103 (Pence), 7 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 5.
MURRAY 115 (Huepel), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 5.
ANTICIPATE 110 (Coltelli), 6 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 4.

Time: 1:17.7-5.
Sammy Kelly, Cracow, York Rod, Orenzo, Thursday Nighter, Resist, Band, Miss Nell, Double Van, Iron Boy also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$700, 3-year-olds and up, mile and 70 yards:
HIEF 107 (Rodriguez), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1.
TILE 107 (Huepel), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even.

Time: 1:47.3-5.
The Archer, Drummer, St. Germain, Trecey, Raider, Comme Ci, Dancing Spray also ran.

Entries.

JEFFERSON PARK, Dec. 21.—Entries for Wednesday, Dec. 22:
First Race—\$600, claiming, 2-year-olds, maidens, five furlongs:
Dioctetian 115, Cortez 115, Home Guard 115, Secretary 115, Seaboard 115, Joe Whipple 115, Tony Sutton 115, Catthump 112, Rose of Picardy 112, Tommie C. 110, xAlfape of 'Th' Look 110, xMagic Castle 110, xRebent 107, xBilleyghen 107, xObstinate 107. Also eligible: American Maid 112, xCiohe 107.

Second Race—\$600, claiming, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs: Mar-mite 111, Cobalt Lass 111, Molly O. 109, Little Maudie 109, Kohinoor 109, Annie Edgar 109, xMiss Kruter 107, xAnna Gallup 105, xOaklawn Belle 106, Big Idea 106, Plain Heather 106, Tiger Rose 104, xRetreat 104, xWin-connie 101. Also eligible: Betsy 109, Catania 106, xTrouble Miss 104.

Third Race—\$700, allowances, 2-year-olds; five and a half furlongs: Trust Official 115, Rancancas 115, Alberta S. 109, Bit of Green 109, Prantula 106, Epiepe 106, Thorne-dredge 106, Lady Stella 104, Corilla 103, Voormir 102, Thimble 103, Mav-burnean 102.
Fourth Race—\$700, claiming, all ages; five furlongs: Youneed 111, Bobby Allen 108, The Nephew 108, Scurry 108, Talisman 107, xApple Jack 11, 106, xHidden Jewels 105, Phantom Fair 105, xWho Cares 102, xRelo 89.
Fifth Race—Purse \$1,000, Sabine handicap, 3-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth: Fizer 112, Veto 112, xStar 109, Honolulu Boy 102, The Wit 100.
Sixth Race—\$700, claiming, 3-year-olds and up; one mile and a sixteenth: Merchant 114, Hindoostan 114, xClique 109, xPhuaria 109, xWaukeag 109, Challenger 108, xNelle Yorke 106, xHarvest King 107.
Seventh Race—\$700, claiming, 3-year-olds and up; one mile and a sixteenth: Nomine 113, xBierfens 113, Goldcrest Boy 111, N. K. Beal 111, xNebraska 108, Indolence 108, xCaptain Burns 108, xCapital City 108, xGordon 108, Verity 105, xAl-volio 103, Neneah 102, xShe Devil 102, Leguulos 102, xMedusa 100.
xApprentice allowance claimed.
Weather cloudy; track slow.

Clara Hamon Attributes Fall To "Masterful Man"

(By International News Service.)
Clara Smith Hamon was found in Chihuahua City, Mexico, by Sam Blair, staff correspondent of the Chicago Herald-Examiner. To him she told the story of her life with Hamon, the fatal shooting and her flight. A continuation of the article follows:

BY SAM BLAIR.
(Correspondent Herald-Examiner and Universal Service.)
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EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Not all of the story Clara Smith Hamon told me Saturday night in the public park in Chihuahua, Mexico, had to do with the commingling of violence and brutality that climaxed the night of Nov. 21, in an Ardmore hotel in the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, financial and political dictator of Oklahoma and Northern Texas.

There was a trace of wistful regret in the story, an occasional touch of pride in the looking back upon the past, now and then a bit of reminiscence that was gently happy.

"Do you remember 'Sentimental Tommy' and 'Tommy's' brutal father, the 'masterful man'?" she asked me. "Well, he (Hamon) was just like that—a masterful man."

She went on: "He dominated me from the first time I ever looked into his eyes and noted the strange glint in them. Working Behind Counter."

"I was 17—worked behind the counter in a little Lawton, Okla., store."

"He got to coming in quite constantly; would not allow anyone to wait on him but me."

"Sometimes I think that girls are provided with a wonderful instinct planted in their beings by God. This instinct ought to guide them. It ought to have continued to guide me as it did at first."

"For I hated him in those first meetings—hated him just as I got to hating him in those times long afterward when he would beat me. 'I did not like his eyes—the way he would stare and leer at me. 'But he was a 'masterful man.' 'There was a boy—sort of a child beat—you know. He used to be known as 'my fellow.'"

"He was such a nice boy. He had an automobile. And you know ten years ago there were not many automobiles in little Oklahoma towns. He was considered something of a catch. The other girls thought I was lucky."

"I would have been perhaps, if he and I—if Mr. Hamon had not—well, Mr. Hamon asked me one day if I would go, riding with him occasionally if he bought himself an automobile."

Laughs at Proposal.

"I knew then—realized fully—that sort of a man he was. My instinct was guiding me truly. I laughed at him."

"No girl should ever laugh at a masterful man. It makes him grin and determined, and, in the end, gets him what he wants."

"I laughed at him. I was only 17. I said: 'I would not go riding with you if you had a string of automobiles.'"

"What a strange thing that I should have said that and meant it. 'So many hours, days, weary long times, have I sat in Jake Hamon's automobiles and rattled with him over Oklahoma roads from one oil field to another. 'Again he came into the store about Christmas time, and I showed him a set of furs that had just arrived. I suggested that maybe he would like to buy them for his wife."

100 AUTOS BURN.

ABILENE, Tex., Dec. 21.—Nearly 100 automobiles and a large line of accessories were destroyed by fire here early this morning when the garage of Ben Holmeys burned to the ground. Defective wiring is believed to have been the cause. The loss is estimated at \$125,000 to \$150,000.

PROMISES SNOW.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 21.—A white Christmas for Kansas seems assured, S. D. Flora, federal meteorologist, said here today. Snow now covers the western part of the state and the storm will reach the eastern portion tonight, Flora said.

SAY CHARGES CHANGED.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Charges that the police department in some instances deliberately changed charges against defendants to thwart conviction, were made last night before an aldermanic committee investigating the crime wave here.

CAR COMPANY NAMED DEFENDANT TWICE

The Memphis Street Railway company was made defendant in two damage suits filed in circuit court Monday in which \$15,000 is sought for personal injuries to Sylvia Craig. The petitions filed by Joseph M. Freedman, attorney, charge that on May 27, 1920, Sylvia Craig was riding on a South Wellington street car when the car struck an automobile, the impact throwing the plaintiff against the seats of the car and injuring her. The second suit for \$5,000 was filed by Charlie Craig, husband of Sylvia, alleging loss of his wife's services by reason of her injuries.

SECRETARY COLBY ARRIVES IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21.—Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, arrived here this morning on board the battleship Florida from the United States. Mr. Colby, who is accompanied by Gen. Cronkite and Admiral Bassett, representing the United States army and navy, respectively, came to Brazil to return the visit of President Pessoa to the United States. The Florida sailed from Newport News, Va., Dec. 4.

Woman Quits Postal Job To Edit Paper

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 21.—Mrs. J. O. Wheeler, local postmaster, announced today she had tendered her resignation to Postmaster-General Burleson, effective Jan. 15. She is serving her second term under appointment by President Wilson. Mrs. Wheeler said she will resume her work as editor and principal owner of the Brownsville Herald.

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